At the Court at Whitehall, *the Eleventh of* December, 1672.

Preſent,

The Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty.

His Royal Highneſs
Prince Rupert
Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury
Lord Chancellour
Lord Treaſurer
Lord Duke of Bucks.
Duke of Lauderdaill
Lord Marqueſs of Worceſter
Lord Marqueſs Dorcheſter
Earl of Ogle
Earl of Oſſory
Earl of Bridgwater
Earl of Bathe
Earl of Angleſey
Earl of Craven
Earl of Arlington
Earl of Carbury
Viſcount Fauconberge
Viſcount Halifax
Lord Biſhop of London
Lord Newport
Lord Holles
Lord Berkley
Mr. Secretary Coventry
Mr. Chancellour of the Exchequer
Sir Robert Long
Maſter of the Ordnance
Sir Thomas Osborne.

HIS Majeſty is pleaſed to Declare in Council, That being mindful of his former Declaration, bearing Date *January* the Second 167½ by which His Majeſty cauſed a Stop to be made of the Payment of any Moneys then being, or to be brought into the Exchequer, for the ſpace of One whole Year, ending the Laſt Day of *December* inſtant; And did then alſo Require and Command Sir *Heneage Finch* Knight and

Baronet, His Attourney General, to prepare a Bill for His Royal Signature to Pass the Great Seal, in pursuance of the said Declaration: Which was accordingly done.

And His Majesty having also considered, that the said Last Day of *December* is near approching, longer then which time His Majesty did by His said Declaration Declare the said Stop of Payments should not continue,

But notwithstanding His Majesty hath not been wanting on His part to comply with all honourable ways and means that might operate such happy Effects; Yet the Continuance of those inevitable Necessities which first inforc'd His Majesty (contrary to His own Inclinations) to cause a Stop to be made of Payment of Moneys, compells him at this present to continue the same Stop of Payments of any Moneys now being, or to be brought into the Exchequer, until the First Day of *May* next ensuing; with such Directions to the Lord High Treasurer, and other Officers and Persons concern'd, and with such Limitations and Distinctions, as by His said Declaration abovemention'd was directed and enjoyn'd.

And that this His Majesties Pleasure and Declaration may be speedily and effectually put in Execution, His Majesty is pleased to Order, and doth hereby Require and Command Sir *Heneage Finch* Knight and Baronet, His Attourney General, forthwith to prepare a Bill for His Royal Signature to Pass the Great Seal; Thereby commanding the Lord High Treasurer of *England* immediately to Order and Direct all and every the Officers of His Majesties

ſties Exchequer, to Poſt-pone all Warrants and Orders, whether Regiſtred or not Regiſtred; And other Securities and Payments whatſoever, except ſuch as are excepted in the above mentioned Declaration and Letters Patents, until the Firſt Day of *May* next enſuing, with ſuch other Directions and Clauſes as ſhall be neceſſary for the purſuance of this His Majeſties Declaration.

And His Majeſty doubts not but that all His Loving Subjects have ſuch Truſt and Confidence in His Juſtice, that it will take away all apprehenſions of their being in the leaſt defrauded of any thing that is juſtly due to them.

And His Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed farther to Declare, That He continued this Stop of Payments to ſo ſhort a time as the Firſt of *May* next; to ſhew His intentions of taking the firſt opportunity that any way or means ſhall offer to him; to reſtore to His good Subjects all that is juſtly due to them, and render them under His Government both ſafe and happy.

Joſeph Williamſon.

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